

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARC VEASEY, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
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Plaintiffs,	§	
VS.	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:13-CV-00193
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RICK PERRY, <i>et al.</i> ,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

**ADVISORY REGARDING GUIDANCE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2014
ELECTIONS**

Last night, this Court entered an opinion stating that S.B. 14 is illegal. Yet it has not entered final judgment or an injunction, though the opinion says they are forthcoming. The remedy described, although not implemented by the Court, is not clear. The scope of the planned injunction appears to be quite broad (much broader than it should be, even assuming the Court is correct regarding the merits of this case), but it is not described in any detail. Nor does the Court's opinion announce the anticipated timing of its injunction. It is not clear if the Court's injunction will apply to this election. On the one hand, this Court has seemed intent on deciding these issues in time for this election. On the other hand, the Supreme Court's decision in *Purcell* (and recent decisions regarding election laws in Wisconsin, Ohio, and North Carolina) counsel this Court against upsetting the status quo. In Texas, the status quo is that Voter ID is in effect. It has been already been used, without incident, in 3 statewide elections.

If this Court's purpose in implementing a hurried discovery period and holding trial in the midst of an election (over the protests of most plaintiffs, the Department of Justice, and the defendants) was designed to impact the current election, the Court has already succeeded. The issuance of an opinion with no injunction or direction regarding the timing of the injunction is already adding to the confusion created by the Court's decision. Texas respectfully requests that the Court enter the planned injunction and judgment by the close of business today.

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